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Examiner: Kang, D.

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Washington, DC 20231

SIR: This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR Section 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/632,976 filed on July 28, 1999 of Summerer for SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURES AND MANUFACTURING METHODS.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED HEREIN AFTER ANY ACCOMPANYING
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

| For: | No. filed | No. extra | | |
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| Basic Fee: | | | | |
| Total Claims | 1 - 20 = | 0 | | |
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| Rate | Fee | | Rate | Fee |
| | \$380.00 | | OR | \$710.00 |
| x \$9.00 = | \$ | | OR | x \$18.00 = \$ 0.00 |
| x \$39.00 = | \$ | | OR | x \$78.00 = \$ 0.00 |
| + \$130.00 = | \$ | | OR | + \$260.00 = \$ 0.00 |
| Total | \$ | | OR | Total \$710.00 |

3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-2179. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4. ☒ Cancel in the application original claims 1-3 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a ☐ continuation, ☒ divisional, of application serial no. 09/632,976 filed July 28, 1999--

6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Infineon Technologies North America Corp.

7. ☐ The power of attorney in the prior application is to

a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

9. ☒ I hereby declare that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application serial no. 09/632,976 as originally filed on July 28, 1999.

10. ☒ I hereby appoint each and every one of the below-named individuals as my associate, each to have full power to prosecute the referenced case and any continuations thereof and to take any action regarding the above-referenced case which I could take, with the same force and effect as if it had been taken by me:

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b. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17.

12. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

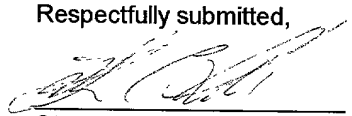
a. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17.

b. ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

13. ☒ Please make of record and consider in the present Application the prior art of record in the prior application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 8, 2000


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